

## County News.

## BRISTOL.

Miss Dell Goodroe is falling slowly. Mrs. Livermore at Holly hall May 7. Our citizens are plowing and planting their gardens.

N. F. Dunshee went to New York, Monday, to buy goods.

John S. Ridley, who has been sick this week, is now better.

Elder Bosworth went to Salisbury to preach, last Sunday.

This term of the graded school was half out last Friday.

The "pink-eye" prevails here; also colds and sore throats.

Byron Soper of Malone, N. Y., was in town over last Sabbath.

John Meyers has gone to Peekskill, N. Y., to do carpenter work.

N. H. Munsill and son of Malone, N. Y., are in town this week.

James Bain is very low and not expected to live many days.

Readings by W. H. Hopkins at Holly hall, Friday evening, April 30.

H. P. Sherwin and W. A. Lawrence are delivering nursery stock this week.

Will McGehee has his stone polishing machine in operation, and it works to a charm.

Miss Mary Ann Bradley has been confined to her bed, at H. C. Munsill's, since last January.

Arbor day was duly observed here by a picnic of the pupils in the intermediate and primary schools, over on Cain hill.

Gospel meetings will be held in the basement of Holly hall every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock till further notice.

Mrs. Lucinda Gillette went to Peekskill, N. Y., Monday, having been called there by the illness of her grandson, Roy Oaks.

No services were held at the Methodist church last Sunday, and there was no preaching at the Advent, their pastor being in Addison.

Alfred Ferguson and A. E. Manum settled the ownership of a load of manure, Monday, by a law-suit before Justice Dunshee and a jury of six men. They gave Mr. Manum \$2 damages and \$5 costs, and the peace and dignity of the State are assured.

## CORNWALL.

C. R. Witherell is in New York, whither he went with a span of fine horses.

Prof. James Porter of Temple Grove seminary, Saratoga, N. Y., is in town on a visit to his aged mother and his brother, Dr. E. O. Porter.

W. F. Tulley has started a meat cart, which he intends to run two days a week, his route being through Middlebury village and Cornwall.

The W. Y. C. T. U. of Cornwall will hold its next business meeting in the town hall Saturday, May 8, at 2 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

Rev. M. C. Stebbins returned on Monday last from his trip to Springfield, Mass., where he has been for the past three weeks, visiting his daughter and other friends.

Mrs. P. N. Cobb was quite severely injured a few days since. While she was going up-stairs in the barn a trap door fell, striking her on the head with great force, cutting it very badly. Several stitches had to be taken in the wound, which seems to be doing nicely now.

## EAST MIDDLEBURY.

Frost was observed here last Sunday morning.

H. C. Sessions, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia, is improving.

John Quimby has sold his house and lot on South street to Charles Everts.

Rev. A. McGeorge of Ticonderoga will deliver the oration here on Decoration day.

Mrs. Wm. Manney has been prostrated for some time, but there seems now to be some improvement.

C. W. Ross, who is a first-class mechanic, has put a piazza on the front of Rev. S. W. Bidwell's house.

Mrs. Frank A. Farr has been alarmingly ill from a renewed attack of a disease with which she has previously suffered. She is recovering.

Sidewalks have been laid on one side entire and in some places on both sides of the street from the Glen House through to the west end, near the church. It is a decided improvement. The movement is said to have been started by an enterprising lady.

## WEYBRIDGE.

Mrs. S. Adams is recovering from her relapse.

Rev. John Quay preached on Sunday at the W. M. church. He has moved here and is located at the Coburn place.

The weather is very fine and farmers are improving it in a hurry. Rain is needed in some places. Grass looks well.

Mr. E. J. Klock of Middlebury college occupied the desk of the M. E. church on Sunday last, in the absence of the pastor, preaching a very able discourse from the text, "Thy statutes are right."

Mrs. J. L. Perkins of St. Johnsbury, Vt., president of the W. C. T. U. of Vermont, will speak at the Congregational church Friday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock. Those who have heard Mrs. Perkins will be glad to hear her again, and all are cordially invited to be present.

## ORWELL.

I. T. Branch has put a new roof on his residence.

The school-house near Dr. Mather's is undergoing repairs. N. J. Wilcox has the contract, we believe.

Work has been commenced on the residence of George D. Bush, which is to undergo thorough repairs during the present season.

Marcellus Royce is reported as being rather better, and we hope to see him fully restored to health in a few weeks at the farthest.

Fishermen have enjoyed plenty of sport for a few days past at East creek, from which loads of suckers have been taken. Mullett will soon begin to run, when more sport will be the order of the day—or night—among the boys.

Rev. S. F. Calhoun gave one of his best sermons on Easter Sunday morning from Acts xviii: 32, at the Congregational church, which was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. The church was beautifully trimmed with evergreens, cut and potted flowers, for which we were indebted to Mrs. D. W. Clark, Mrs. C. E. Bush, Miss Mary Gale, Miss Martha Boynton, Mrs. Charles Sanford, Mrs. Emma Brainerd and others who generously contributed to the large display of cut flowers. The singing was also very fine, the choir being quite fully represented.

## PANTON.

John Broderick has improved the appearance of his residence by the application of a much-needed coat of paint.

Allen O. Newton of West Ferrisburgh is to move upon the farm soon to be vacated by C. A. Smith and owned by Herrick Stevens.

Cyrus Bowers is still making improvements. This time it is a force pump with a pipe running across the road to supply water for his horse barn from a well back of his house.

Arthur Tappen started for Troy, Monday morning, with three fine horses—a matched span of bay ponies for driving and riding at \$550, also a splendid driver that is said to be fast.

This fine weather brings out the seeders and work in most sections is progressing rapidly. The ground is in fine condition. Considerable stock is already turned out to pasture.

John Allen, a lad about a dozen years old, brought down two wild geese and a black duck Monday morning. The geese he shot with a rifle. What lad of his age can show a better morning's work?

Charlie Stagg had a narrow escape, a day or two ago, from a very serious accident. He was thrown from and entangled in a wheel harrow. Fortunately he escaped with some severe bruises and a limp in one leg for a few days.

J. T. Hill has the frame of his house up and enclosed, and it now looks as though the parsonage would be vacated inside the four months to which he was limited and a good blacksmith become once more a permanent citizen of the Corners.

The house so long occupied by Thomas Gardner, and now owned by Wm. H. Currier, is undergoing a thorough transformation. The roof is being raised and a substantial addition is being put up in place of the shed. It will no doubt make an attractive residence.

Abram Harris keeps a tobacco, cigar and candy store in a small way at the Corners and never fails to invite his friends and customers to have a cigar on his birthday. He was seventy-eight last Friday. Uncle Abe and Aunt Hannah, his wife, have companionably traveled the path of life together for more than fifty years.

## RIPTON.

Mrs. R. E. Bentley on the 23d inst found a bunch of strawberries in full blossom.

The town hall and school-house above have been receiving a coat of paint from the hands of Levi Goodroe, which makes the building appear to far better advantage than formerly.

Since spring has come so much earlier than usual, our mill owners are taking time by the forelock and cutting out their stock of logs as fast as possible, for patrons are in need of the lumber. We notice that J. E. Goodroe is pushing things, for aside from his ordinary customers he is under contract to furnish Smith & Allen 175,000 feet of lumber for the town hall at Bellows Falls; but this bill will not exhaust his yards.

John E. Goodroe has bought out the stage route from Middlebury to Hancock of J. W. Baker, who goes to Lake Dunmore to keep a livery stable. Mr. Goodroe formerly owned the route, and, running it on business principles, made it a source of profit to himself and almost a necessity to the public; for through rain, shine and mud Goodroe was always the same genial, jovial John, ready to make an honest penny and to accommodate his hosts of patrons.

## WHITING.

The village school began on Monday morning last. Miss Addie Church is the teacher.

The station agent is in great need of his ice tongs, and wishes the person who has possession would leave them at his house.

D. P. Parker's auction was certainly a success, every article selling high. A. H. Hubbard, who managed the sale, is doing good work as an auctioneer.

An entertainment will be given by the young ladies and gentlemen, assisted by

some of the older people, at the vestry-room of the Union church on Friday evening, the 30th inst.

## RICHVILLE.

I. B. Rich is in market this week. The new goods will be in his store the first week in May, when he would be pleased to see all his old customers and as many new ones as will call on him. He will treat them well if they do not want to purchase.

## WEST CORNWALL.

Lizzie Gibbs is on the sick list.

Rev. Lyman Smith of Whiting supplied the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ashley are rejoicing over the late arrival of a little daughter.

The Ladies' Sewing circle will meet with Mrs. Harrison Wooster Wednesday afternoon, May 5.

Mrs. E. Stowe of Middlebury and Mrs. Frank Bacon of Waltham have lately visited at their father's, H. C. Bingham.

Warren Norton, the new blacksmith, has moved his family into the lower room of the Methodist church. He could find no other house, and as his business was good he did not wish to leave for another place.

Gilbert Dumas has been painting the outside of the school-house in district No. 6. He has also whitewashed the ceiling and kalsomined the walls of the house in No. 5. Cornwall means to well deserve what has often been said of her, that she is the banner town as regards her school buildings.

It is a nice growing time; but rain was needed, and Tuesday it commenced raining, and it did seem as though you could see the grass grow. Farmers are very busy preparing ground and getting in seeds. Housewives, too, are busy, as housecleaning with its attendant miseries is upon them. Clothes lines and fences are fantastically arrayed with beds and bedding, carpets of all descriptions, to say nothing of clothes, old and new, of all shapes, sizes and hues; but let us draw a veil; as story writers say, it is too terrible.

## VERGENNES.

Fires are still necessary.

Plum trees are blossoming.

Trade good in Vergennes last Saturday.

Both of Vergennes' steam craft are in active service.

The street lamps are now cared for by Dea. Austin.

Col. J. H. Lucia was in town Tuesday, from Montpelier.

C. W. Barber of Addison has been sick for several days.

Communion service next Sunday in Congregational church.

Mrs. Russell of Keene, N. H., is the guest of Mrs. H. A. Hall.

Mrs. C. C. Drury is visiting Mrs. Dr. Howe, her sister, of Jericho, Vermont.

A walk among the builders reveals a good degree of activity this spring.

Three were baptised by Rev. Mr. Sherman, at the Baptist church, Sunday evening.

J. W. Jackson transferred his effects from Vergennes to Port Henry, Wednesday.

John O'Connor takes the saloon vacated by Mr. J. W. Jackson, opposite the park.

Mrs. A. H. Stowe, milliner, is absent in market, making selections for spring trade.

Shipments Monday by Sprigg & Wheeler, nine cows and calves, for Boston market.

The little steam yacht, the Gazelle, Capt. Ives, is ready for picnics or pleasure parties.

The health of Dea. C. D. Keeler is improved, and with warm weather he will be able to be out soon.

Deputy Sheriff T. C. Middlebrook was made happy Thursday, by the arrival of a pretty little daughter.

Mr. Cassius Tabor of North Ferrisburgh has sold his ladies' riding horse to Hon. J. M. Dyer of West Salisbury.

Twenty dollars a month is paid for extra farm hands. Fair to middling get fifteen to eighteen dollars.

Farmers are looking for good, substantial April showers. It would do much good.

The wife of Mr. Patten of the firm of Chamberlain & Co. is visiting friends in Keene, N. H.

Miss Kate L. Dolan left for market—New York—this week, for her spring and summer selections of millinery.

Butter makers are not greatly pleased with changing prices; particularly when they fall back instead of advancing.

The care of Mr. Yott has been so efficient for Dea. Keeler that the services of a nurse were dispensed with Tuesday.

The absence of Mr. Austin left the Methodist church without service Sunday, except in the evening, when Mr. J. F. Goodere conducted the prayer meeting.

Dr. Dionne has opened an office over C. E. Kidder's store, adjoining the office of Mr. J. S. Hickok. The doctor's practice is increasing.

James Cole of Middleboro, Mass., has bought that fine black mare, of Lambert stock, of Mr. C. W. Barber, Addison. Terms not made public.

Wright & Jackman, Waltham, shipped a pair of fat oxen to Boston market,

Monday. Their weight was 3325 pounds; price 5 cents per pound.

The Franklin House has, under Mr. Daniel's taste and sound judgment, been changed into one of the best looking business blocks in the county, and the surrounding property increased in value.

The streets have been dry, and the high wind Monday and Tuesday filled the air with "real estate" to such an extent that dusts were in demand.

A large fire is raging on Eaton mountain, Monkton, it having started from a fire set by Mr. O. Barnum to burn over a pasture. The wind did the mischief.

Miss Jennie Stevens arrived home from Chicago Tuesday evening, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Hammond, for several months.

The last fortnightly sociable of the season in the vestry of the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, was a success, although it was rainy. Fifteen dollars and forty-five cents were received.

A new 30x40 barn is to be put up on the rear of the lot recently bought by Mrs. Ann Martin on Main street and Mr. E. H. Daniels has the job. It will be well done, rest assured.

A private letter from Dea. J. W. Parker, dated Los Angeles, Cal., April 16th, speaks of the happy termination of their long and perilous journey, and of their cordial welcome. All were well. Orange blossoms perfumed the letter.

Mr. E. H. Daniels, who has substantial monuments of his skill scattered all through our city, from the imposing Reform School buildings to many notable dwellings in town, is still active and busy at his trade.

Improvements and additions in buildings, etc., for the Horse Nail Co., are in progress, which Mr. Daniels will have charge of. A new bulkhead is to be put in and the blacksmith shop adjoining the nail works to be built.

Alden & Cota are finishing up a new tenement house for Mr. H. T. Booth, for the use of Mr. Pelger, the German farmer, who takes his farm for this year. He has been with Mr. Booth for three years, and is a capable, trusty man.

Charles La Boeuf is an experienced carpenter, draughtsman and builder. He has the rebuilding of the Samuel Allen house, on Water street. It required new foundation walls, new roof, windows, porch, doors, and it will be as good as new, when La Boeuf has completed his work.

Mr. E. A. Field, Pantown, has given out the contract for an entirely new house to Cassius Sears of Monkton. Main building 30x30, two stories, with a 16x32 ell. The removal of the old house, preparing the cellar for the new one, and all the necessary preparation to be made this week, and the work on the new to begin next week.

The repairing and general overhauling of the Kimball house, recently purchased by C. A. Booth, is in the hands of Mr. La Boeuf. Front and rear all to undergo improvement, new roofing, fence removed in front, which is a timely suggestion to the owners of the adjoining premises north. Most premises are benefited by front fence removals.

Walter G. Sprague, who succeeded his father in the insurance business, will leave Vergennes next Monday for Portland, Me., to enter the clothing establishment of Mr. Arthur C. Lamb, his brother-in-law. Walter is a Vergennes boy, born and brought up here and scarcely another would be more missed than he from among our young people. All will wish him prosperity and happiness in his new home.

There is to be a neat story and a half cottage put up on the lake shore, for Mr. E. F. Benton, which Mr. La Boeuf has made a plan for. It is to be built on a piece of ground bought of George W. Kellogg in a cedar grove, with pleasant surroundings. Size 13x20 with a 10x10 ell and a veranda. The inside finish plain and corniced, finished in shellac. The timber, all fitted and ready for use, was taken to the lake by the Lily Thursday.

Alden & Cota have taken the contract for the repairing and improving of the residence of Mr. Horatio Spooner of Addison. There is to be new floors, new windows throughout, two bay windows, a piazza forty-six feet long in front of the ell, and another front of main entrance, seven feet long. It will be substantially a fine new dwelling. The same firm have estimated for an addition to the house of Luther Field, Ferrisburgh, 22x22, with a piazza thirty-two feet long.

The sad news is received by private advice of the death, April 1st, of Henry N. Gage at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Gage was from Ferrisburgh, left here about twenty years ago and settled in St. Charles, where he became a man of influence and stood well with all classes. He was a justice of the peace for many years. The loss of his wife some years since was a severe social blow to deceased. The care of his sick wife during her last illness, was very exhausting and he never recovered his health. He leaves four children. He leaves a wide circle of warm friends in Vergennes.

Easter services in Vergennes were observed more than on any previous return of the day. Easter day on which the rest of the movable feasts depend is always the first Sunday after the 14th day of the calendar month, which happens upon or next after the 21st of March, according to the rules laid down for the construction of the calendar, so that if the 14th day happens on a Sunday Easter day is the Sunday after. Elaborate floral decorations were to be seen in

all the churches. Those at St. Paul's were particularly elaborate and beautiful. At the Congregational church the display of flowers was large on each side of the pulpit and a lovely cross of flowers and evergreens was placed on the table. At the Baptist church the decorations of flowers were greatly admired. At St. Peter's R. C. church, the magnificent new altar, and the other two as well, were burdened with lovely decorations. The services at this church were conducted by Father Zinnin and Father Finch of Baltimore, who have been here for ten days. On Sunday evening Father Zinnin preached the close of the mission service. The church was filled to its utmost and the vast audience listened with breathless interest to the close; all were deeply affected. The large choir executed Dumas' mass with great force and effect accompanied by the organ and brass instruments. Mrs. Dr. Dionne presided at the organ. At the Congregational church Mr. Robertson preached from Matthew 28th chapter, 6th verse. Regular Easter services were held at the Episcopal, St. Paul's church. A sermon was preached by the rector, Rev. Mr. Taylor, in the evening. Appropriate services were held at the Baptist church. The singing was unusually fine. On Sunday evening the Sunday-school connected with the Congregational church gave a very interesting Easter service. It was the story of Easter, or the resurrection of Christ, in Scripture poem and song, prepared by Rev. F. N. Peloubet, D.D. The entire school took an active part, under the supervision of the superintendent, Mr. J. H. Smith. Miss Mary Strong presided at the organ and Mr. F. A. Goss led the singing. The responsive Easter prayer, led by the pastor, was given with fine effect. The church was filled with people, and all were highly pleased with the rendition of the Easter service.

## State News.

The Salvation army are soon to erect permanent barracks in Rutland.

The Grand Army men of the State talk of holding a summer encampment.

There are thirty divorce cases on the docket of the Franklin county court.

A branch of the typographical union has just been organized at Rutland with 20 members.

Brattleboro at a recent town meeting voted \$5000 for the erection of a soldiers' monument.

The State association of Congregational churches holds its next annual meeting at West Randolph early in June.

Editor Atkins of the Montpelier Argus has been sued for libel by J. H. Baird of Woodstock, who claims \$10,000 damages.

Samuel Phelps' house and three barns in West Milford were burned Saturday; insurance \$2000, which is less than the loss.

The appropriation bill whereby Massachusetts contributes \$10,000 to the Bennington battle monument fund has been signed by Gov. Robinson.

The Howe Scale company of Rutland has just received an order through their New York office for 250 platform scales for the use of the Argentine Republic.

Chancellor Vazey denies the application for an injunction restraining the town of Brandon from erecting a soldiers' monument on Park street in that village.

President J. D. Bannan of the Vermont conference sentinels at Montpelier and George F. Atwood of Swanton join in giving \$10,000 to the sentinels for scholarships.

County Commissioner Wilcox of Lamoille county reports that during the past year 1093 1/2 gallons of liquor were sold by authorized agents in the county. This does not include ale and porter sold.

At the Rochester House, Rochester, the other day, a guest changed coats with a Boston man, taking a long ulster coat worth about \$40, and did not find out his mistake until reminded of it by the landlord after a chase of six miles.

Cols. Greenleaf and Estey, Maj. Beach and Capt. Coffey of the Vermont national guard will visit the coming encampment of the New Hampshire national guard at Concord and report as to the advisability of having a permanent camp-ground in Vermont.

Easter services in Trinity church at Rutland had for an interesting feature the presentation to the church for memorials of a solid silver communion service, an altar-dress of hammered brass, a retaining basin and a richly-carved oak altar-rail with brass trimmings.

The working tools of the old Hiram Masonic lodge of Exeter are in the possession of Dr. W. Brouwer. The Bible was printed in England in 1772. The seal and apron of the chapter are ancient and bear the date of 1776. The jewels are of solid silver and cost \$7 10s.

Attachments of \$45,000 have been placed upon the Bennington woolen mills at Bennington by L. R. Graves, Thomas J. Maxwell of the company and Loring & Co., all of that place. It is the largest mill property in the State. The works closed Friday and will not start again.

Alison Mills, a 16-year-old Albany boy, was fooling with a pistol the other day, when it was accidentally discharged. The ball was found in his boot leg. It struck his left leg six inches above the knee on the inside and came out below the knee joint on the outside of the leg, making a hole eight or ten inches long.

It is announced that the *Patriot's Record*, organ of the State grange, now published at West Randolph, will soon be removed to Montpelier. It is to be enlarged and improved and Arthur Ropes, formerly of the *Vermont Watchman*, is to be added to the staff. It is believed the sheet will become more distinctively an Edmunds organ.

The Burlington Philharmonic society will hold their next festival at the Howard opera house, Burlington, during the week commencing May 24. There will be three evening concerts, beginning on Wednesday, and two matinees, commencing on Thursday. The chorus now numbers over 100 voices. The festival will be conducted by Carl Zerrahn, Blaisdell's orchestra will furnish the instrumental music. The soloists will be Mr. D. M. Babcock, bass; Mr. J. C. Parker, tenor; Miss Ella B. Kewee, soprano, and Miss Ita Welsh, contralto. The selections to be given are "Samson," "Fair Ellen" and "Stabat Mater."

Joseph Laferrier, employed at the woolen mill at Burlington, was killed Friday. His clothes were caught on a pulley, and before the shaft could be stopped it had made full 200 revolutions, the man striking against the ceiling each time. One leg was broken nine times and the other eight times, and one arm was pulled from the socket. Laferrier died in half an hour. He was thirty-nine years old, and leaves a wife and four children.

Vermont has no State lunatic asylum, but in 1880 it had 900 lunatics. These have been kept in the Brattleboro asylum, which the State has in all given but \$23,000. Commenting on these facts, the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* says:—"Here is a lesson for Massachusetts publicists to ponder. The State of Vermont, with an insane population probably aggregating, by this time, a total of 1000, has so far expended only a sum equal to the per capita cost of 10 lunatics in some of the Massachusetts hospitals!"

## General News.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

No legislation of general public interest has been perfected in either house the past week. The Senate has passed a bill for an addition to the White House. A labor arbitration bill has been introduced in the House.

## DOMESTIC.

The new Chinese minister and his suite have arrived in Washington.

A flood at Los Vegas, New Mexico, has done a great deal of damage.

Clergymen in Rhode Island and at Cleveland, O., are making war on Sunday newspapers.

Chicago furniture manufacturers, employing 4000 men, are organizing against future strikes.

Out of 137 counties in Georgia, prohibition operates in one way or another in over 115 counties.

The firm of E. Remington & Sons, Illinois, N. Y., has gone into insolvency, thus closing up their extensive works.

Three young men left New Orleans Saturday morning on bicycles and expected to arrive in Boston inside of thirty days.

A big break has occurred in the Mississippi levee near Helena, Arkansas, and it is estimated that over a million acres will be flooded.

Secretary Manning has so far recovered that he is now allowed to see visitors. Sunday he was down-stairs for the first time since his attack.